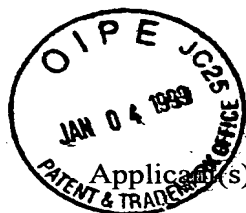


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Accompanying this letter is the following executed document: STATEMENT
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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. It is requested that Applicants be accorded Small Entity
Status for the payment of all fees herein.

In view of the establishment of the Small Entity Status, Applicants also
respectfully request a refund of 50% of the following fee previously paid in the application:

Filing Fee, in the amount of \$2,934.00; (Small Entity fee at 50% = \$1,467.00);

TOTAL REFUND DUE = \$1,467.00.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.28(a), this request is being made within two (2)
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit the overpayment in this paper to
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